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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, Applicants hereby petition to have the Notice of Abandonment that was sent electronically in connection with the above-captioned case on May 5, 2009 be withdrawn. A copy of the Notice is enclosed. According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135 for Applicants' failure to reply to an Office letter (i.e., final Office Action) that was mailed on October 29, 2008. As explained below, a Request for Continued Examination was timely filed on April 29, 2009 with a Reply to the October 29, 2008 Office Action and a three-month Petition for Extension of Time.

The Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time filed on April 29, 2009 were received by the U.S.P.T.O.

and uploaded onto the PAIR Image File Wrapper (see printout of the PAIR Image File Wrapper (Exhibit 1)). As evidenced in Exhibit 2, the April 29, 2009 Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time downloaded from the PAIR Image File Wrapper bear the U.S.P.T.O. stamp indicating receipt by the U.S.P.T.O. on May 4, 2009. Applicants submit that the copies of the April 29, 2009 Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time downloaded from the PAIR Image File Wrapper show that the Reply to the October 29, 2008 Office Action was timely filed.

Further, M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c)(I)(B) states:

[A]pplicants may establish that a reply was filed with a postcard receipt that properly identifies the reply and provides *prima facie* evidence that the reply was timely filed. See MPEP § 503. For example, if the application has been abandoned for failure to reply to a first Office Action, and applicant has a postcard receipt showing that an amendment was timely filed in response to the Office action, then holding of abandonment should be withdrawn upon the filing of a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment.

Enclosed, as Exhibit 3, is a copy of the return postcard listing the Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, Petition for Extension of Time, and two checks in the amounts of \$405.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination, and \$555.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for the Petition for Extension of Time. This postcard was included with Applicants' April 29, 2009 Request for Continued Examination. The return postcard bears the U.S.P.T.O. stamp indicating receipt of the items listed on the postcard by the U.S.P.T.O. on May 4, 2009. Further, the Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time were filed on April 29, 2009 in accordance with the Certificate of Mailing procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 and thus should be considered timely filed.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 503, the postcard clearly identified and itemized

the items for which a receipt was requested. As such, Applicants submit that this postcard receipt provides *prima facie* evidence that the Request for Continued Examination, Reply to the October 29, 2008 Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time were timely filed.

Finally, enclosed is a courtesy copy of Applicants' April 29, 2009 Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time.

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the Request for Continued Examination, Reply to Final Office Action, and Petition for Extension of Time were timely filed and request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

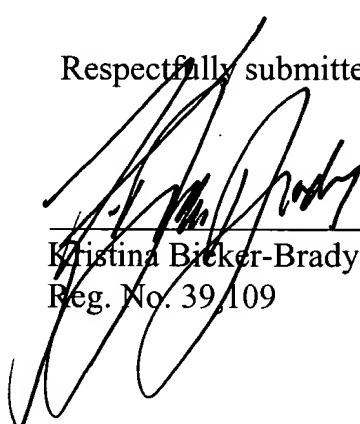
This Petition is being filed within two months of the notification date of the Notice of Abandonment.

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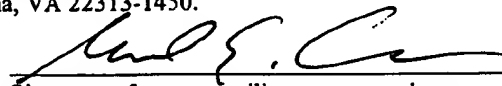
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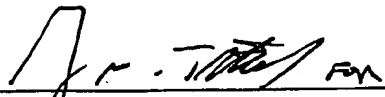
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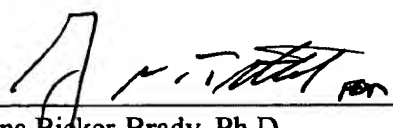
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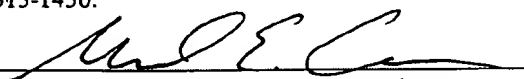
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on October 29, 2008, and in connection with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, wherein said glycoprotein ~~is isolated from a membrane preparation of gastric adenocarcinoma cells by chromatographic processes and~~ has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A process for obtaining a glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, the process comprising producing a membrane preparation from cells of the human adenocarcinoma cell line 23132, and obtaining the glycoprotein therefrom by size-exclusion chromatography, wherein the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claims 5-41 (Cancelled).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): A process for obtaining a glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, the process comprising producing a membrane preparation from cells of the human adenocarcinoma cell line 23132, and obtaining the glycoprotein therefrom by anion-exchange chromatography, wherein the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 1, wherein said glycoprotein, if present on a cell and bound by an antibody that is specific for said glycostructure, results in apoptosis of said cell.

Claim 44 (Cancelled).

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in cleavage of cytokeratin 18 in said cell.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in increased c-myc expression in said cell.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in decreased topoisomerase II α expression in said cell.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in an increase in intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration in said cell.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure does not induce cleavage of poly(ADP-ribose)-polymerase in said cell.

Claims 50-58 (Cancelled).

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific glycostructure obtained by the process of claim 4.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific glycostructure obtained by the process of claim 42.

Claim 61 (New): A purified glycoprotein comprising a section of a glycosylated human CD55 protein expressed by adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not by a normal cell, wherein said glycosylated human CD55 protein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and wherein said section of said glycosylated human CD55 protein comprises a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure.

Claim 62 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 61, wherein an antibody that specifically binds said tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure of said section, upon binding, induces apoptosis of a cell expressing said glycosylated human CD55 protein.

Claim 63 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in cleavage of cytokeratin 18 in said cell.

Claim 64 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in increased c-myc expression in said cell.

Claim 65 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in decreased topoisomerase II α expression in said cell.

Claim 66 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in an increase in intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration in said cell.

Claim 67 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure does not induce cleavage of poly(ADP-ribose)-polymerase in said cell.

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants address each basis for rejection as follows:

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a *purified* glycoprotein. Support for this amendment is found, for example, at pages 28 and 29 of the English language specification, in the section entitled “2.1 Purification of the SC-1-Receptor CD55.” In view the amendment to claim 1, claims 57 and 58 have been cancelled and claims 43, 45-49, and 59-60 have been amended.

In addition, new claims 61-67 have been added. These claims correspond to claims 50-56, which were cancelled in the last reply. New claims 61-67 find support, for example, at page 4, line 15, to page 5, line 18, of the English language specification.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this or in a continuing application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Vollmers et al. (Cancer 76:550-558, 1995; hereafter “Vollmers”). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Office states (page 3):

Applicants are reminded that the cell extract of Vollmers from stomach carcinoma cell line 23132 inherently contains the isolated 82 kD glycoprotein ... The fact

remains, inherently the 82 kD glycoprotein has been isolated from the cell extract. The starting material from which the claimed product is derived is the same, hence the rejection is maintained.

Applicants note that the claims, as amended, recite a *purified* glycoprotein. Vollmers fails to describe a purified glycoprotein having the features required by the claims, namely a glycoprotein that has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Moreover, the cell extract described by Vollmers does not inherently contain the *purified* glycoprotein encompassed by the claims. While adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 expresses the glycoprotein encompassed by the claims and the cell extract described in the “Western Blots” section at page 552 of Vollmers may contain the glycoprotein, nowhere does Vollmers describe the *purified* glycoprotein. In fact, Vollmers does not perform steps that, according to Applicants’ specification, are required to purify the 82 kD glycoprotein from 23132 cells.

At pages 28 and 29 of the specification, in the section entitled “2.1 Purification of the SC-1-Receptor CD55,” Applicants describe *purification* of the 82 kD protein isolated from the membrane fraction *using sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography*. On this point, Applicants direct the Office’s attention to the Declaration of inventor Dr. Frank Hensel submitted with Applicants’ October 30, 2007 reply. Dr. Hensel, in paragraph 3, states:

Vollmers et al. does not describe an isolated glycoprotein including the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, where the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Hensel et al., at page 5301, cites Vollmers et al. as describing a 50 kD protein in whole cell lysates bound by the SC-1 antibody. In Hensel et al., to detect the 82 kD protein, the stringency had to be altered and membrane preparations, not whole cell lysates, had to be used. The 82 kD protein was isolated from membrane fractions and purified by sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography. These additional steps required to purify the 82 kD protein are not described in

Vollmers et al. (Emphasis added.)

As stated in the Hensel Declaration, the 82 kD protein was isolated from membrane fractions and purified by sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography to obtain the purified 82 kD protein. As noted above, these required purification steps taught in Applicants' specification are neither described nor performed by Vollmers. Applicants submit that Vollmers clearly does not purify a glycoprotein having the features required by the pending claims. Vollmers does not even suggest that the 82 kD glycoprotein exists in a cell extract of 23132 cells, much less how to purify the glycoprotein. Hence, Vollmers cannot describe, either expressly or inherently, the purified glycoproteins encompassed by the present claims. Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are free of the anticipation rejection over Vollmers. This basis for rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

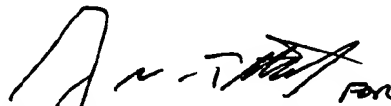
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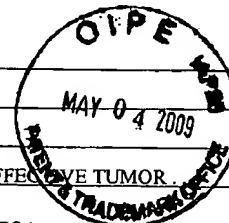
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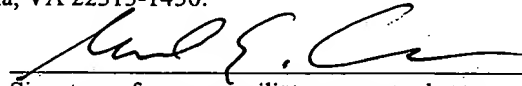
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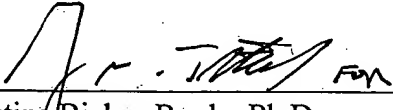
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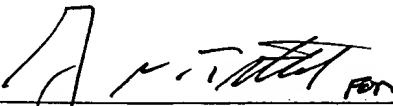
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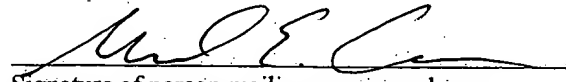
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on October 29, 2008, and in connection with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, wherein said glycoprotein ~~is isolated from a membrane preparation of gastric adenocarcinoma cells by chromatographic processes and~~ has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A process for obtaining a glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, the process comprising producing a membrane preparation from cells of the human adenocarcinoma cell line 23132, and obtaining the glycoprotein therefrom by size-exclusion chromatography, wherein the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claims 5-41 (Cancelled).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): A process for obtaining a glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, the process comprising producing a membrane preparation from cells of the human adenocarcinoma cell line 23132, and obtaining the glycoprotein therefrom by anion-exchange chromatography, wherein the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, and is a glycoprotein present on adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not on a normal cell.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 1, wherein said glycoprotein, if present on a cell and bound by an antibody that is specific for said glycostructure, results in apoptosis of said cell.

Claim 44 (Cancelled).

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in cleavage of cytokeratin 18 in said cell.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in increased c-myc expression in said cell.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in decreased topoisomerase II α expression in said cell.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in an increase in intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration in said cell.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The ~~isolated~~ purified glycoprotein of claim 43, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure does not induce cleavage of poly(ADP-ribose)-polymerase in said cell.

Claims 50-58 (Cancelled).

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific glycostructure obtained by the process of claim 4.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): ~~An isolated~~ A purified glycoprotein comprising the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific glycostructure obtained by the process of claim 42.

Claim 61 (New): A purified glycoprotein comprising a section of a glycosylated human CD55 protein expressed by adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 (DSMZ Accession No. DSM ACC 201), but not by a normal cell, wherein said glycosylated human CD55 protein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and wherein said section of said glycosylated human CD55 protein comprises a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure.

Claim 62 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 61, wherein an antibody that specifically binds said tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure of said section, upon binding, induces apoptosis of a cell expressing said glycosylated human CD55 protein.

Claim 63 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in cleavage of cytokeratin 18 in said cell.

Claim 64 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in increased c-myc expression in said cell.

Claim 65 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in decreased topoisomerase II α expression in said cell.

Claim 66 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure results in an increase in intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration in said cell.

Claim 67 (New): The purified glycoprotein of claim 62, wherein binding of said antibody to said glycostructure does not induce cleavage of poly(ADP-ribose)-polymerase in said cell.

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants address each basis for rejection as follows:

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a *purified* glycoprotein. Support for this amendment is found, for example, at pages 28 and 29 of the English language specification, in the section entitled "2.1 Purification of the SC-1-Receptor CD55." In view the amendment to claim 1, claims 57 and 58 have been cancelled and claims 43, 45-49, and 59-60 have been amended.

In addition, new claims 61-67 have been added. These claims correspond to claims 50-56, which were cancelled in the last reply. New claims 61-67 find support, for example, at page 4, line 15, to page 5, line 18, of the English language specification.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this or in a continuing application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4, 42, 43, 45-49, and 57-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Vollmers et al. (Cancer 76:550-558, 1995; hereafter "Vollmers"). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Office states (page 3):

Applicants are reminded that the cell extract of Vollmers from stomach carcinoma cell line 23132 inherently contains the isolated 82 kD glycoprotein ... The fact

remains, inherently the 82 kD glycoprotein has been isolated from the cell extract. The starting material from which the claimed product is derived is the same, hence the rejection is maintained.

Applicants note that the claims, as amended, recite a *purified* glycoprotein. Vollmers fails to describe a purified glycoprotein having the features required by the claims, namely a glycoprotein that has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Moreover, the cell extract described by Vollmers does not inherently contain the *purified* glycoprotein encompassed by the claims. While adenocarcinoma cell line 23132 expresses the glycoprotein encompassed by the claims and the cell extract described in the "Western Blots" section at page 552 of Vollmers may contain the glycoprotein, nowhere does Vollmers describe the *purified* glycoprotein. In fact, Vollmers does not perform steps that, according to Applicants' specification, are required to purify the 82 kD glycoprotein from 23132 cells.

At pages 28 and 29 of the specification, in the section entitled "2.1 Purification of the SC-1-Receptor CD55," Applicants describe *purification* of the 82 kD protein isolated from the membrane fraction *using sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography*. On this point, Applicants direct the Office's attention to the Declaration of inventor Dr. Frank Hensel submitted with Applicants' October 30, 2007 reply. Dr. Hensel, in paragraph 3, states:

Vollmers et al. does not describe an isolated glycoprotein including the human amino acid primary structure of CD55 and a tumor-specific N-linked glycostructure, where the glycoprotein has an apparent molecular weight of about 82 kD in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Hensel et al., at page 5301, cites Vollmers et al. as describing a 50 kD protein in whole cell lysates bound by the SC-1 antibody. In Hensel et al., to detect the 82 kD protein, the stringency had to be altered and membrane preparations, not whole cell lysates, had to be used. The 82 kD protein was isolated from membrane fractions and purified by sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography. These additional steps required to purify the 82 kD protein are not described in

Vollmers et al. (Emphasis added.)

As stated in the Hensel Declaration, the 82 kD protein was isolated from membrane fractions and purified by sequential size-exclusion and anion-exchange chromatography to obtain the purified 82 kD protein. As noted above, these required purification steps taught in Applicants' specification are neither described nor performed by Vollmers. Applicants submit that Vollmers clearly does not purify a glycoprotein having the features required by the pending claims. Vollmers does not even suggest that the 82 kD glycoprotein exists in a cell extract of 23132 cells, much less how to purify the glycoprotein. Hence, Vollmers cannot describe, either expressly or inherently, the purified glycoproteins encompassed by the present claims. Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are free of the anticipation rejection over Vollmers. This basis for rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

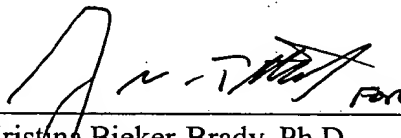
Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

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